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New York

President: Mr. Legal ..... (France)

The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

Report of the Secretary-General on credentials (T/1984)

The President (*interpretation from French*): As members will recall, at its 1704th meeting, on 24 May 1994, the Trusteeship Council decided to defer consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on credentials to a future meeting. In this connection, I wish to draw members' attention to document T/1894, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on credentials for the sixty-first session.

If there are no comments, I shall take it that the Council decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on credentials for the sixty-first session.

It was so decided.

Adoption of the report of the Trusteeship Council to the Security Council (Security Council resolution 70 (1949))

The President (*interpretation from French*): Members of the Council will recall that at its 1705th meeting, on 25 May 1994 the Trusteeship Council decided, in conformity with the procedure adopted at previous sessions, to suspend its meetings and to meet in resumed session to consider the Council's draft report to the Security Council.

The draft report of the Trusteeship Council on its sixty-first session has been distributed to all members.

Members will recall that also at its 1705th meeting, on 25 May 1994, the Council authorized the Secretariat, in consultation with the President and members of the Council, to prepare a report on its work at its sixty-first session. In drafting that report the Secretariat followed the same procedure as in previous years and has used the official verbatim records of the Council's meetings during the sixty-first session.

The report has two parts. Part I is entitled "Organization and activities of the Trusteeship Council". Part II contains the Council's conclusions and recommendations, which were adopted by the Council at its 1705th meeting, on 25 May 1994. The Council has thus already adopted part II of the report.

It appears that no member of the Council wishes to make any comments. The Council will therefore proceed to take action on the draft report of the Trusteeship Council to the Security Council.

May I take it that the Council is prepared to adopt the report, as a whole, without a vote?

The draft report, as a whole, was adopted.

Statement by the President

The President (*interpretation from French*): I should like to draw the Council's attention to a letter from the Permanent Representative of the United States of

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America addressed to the Secretary-General; it is contained in documents T/1985 and S/1994/1200. In accordance with the provisions of Trusteeship Council resolution 2199 (LXI), the Permanent Representative of the United States has informed the Secretary-General that, as a consequence of the consultations held between the United States Government and the Government of the Republic of Palau, the Compact of Free Association with the Republic of Palau came fully into force on 1 October 1994.

The last Trust Territory has therefore acceded to independence. I would recall in that connection that the Trusteeship Council decided, at its last meeting, to amend its rules of procedure to remove the obligation to hold regular meetings. Henceforth, therefore, the Council will only be convened normally if circumstances demand.

Closure of the sixty-first session

The President (*interpretation from French*): With the adoption of its report to the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council has now concluded its work for the sixty-first session. I should like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Vadim Perfiliev, Secretary of the Trusteeship Council, who is participating in the Council's work for the first time in that capacity, and to express, on behalf of all the members of the Council, our gratitude to the members of the Secretariat who have contributed to the successful conclusion of this session.

I declare closed the sixty-first session of the Trusteeship Council.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.